

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. At the time of the outstanding Office Action claims 1-26 were pending. By this response, claims 2, 4-6, 12-15, 17-19 and 25 are amended, claims 1 and 22-24 are canceled and claims 27-29 are newly added. No new matter has been added. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with appropriate status identifiers.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being claims directed to neither a “process” nor a “machine,” but that overlap two different statutory classes of invention. Claims 22-24 are canceled, making the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 22-24 are canceled, making the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Objected to Claims

Claims 17-19, 23 and 24 stand objected to for informalities. Claims 17-19 are amended to correct the informalities, and claims 23 and 24 are canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant objection.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 13-15, 22 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 02/067337 A2 to Karim *et al.* (Karim). Claims 2-4, 6, 8, and 13-14 have been amended to depend from claim 12. Claim 1 has been canceled. The Office Action admits that claim 12 defines patentable subject matter. (Office Action page 6, lines 5-7.) Therefore the rejections of claims 2-4, 6, 8 and 13-14 as amended are moot. Claims 15 and

25, as amended, recite limitations similar to claim 12 and for similar reasons also define over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karim. As amended, claim 5 depends from claim 12. As already discussed, the Office Action admits that claim 12 defines patentable subject matter. Therefore claim 5 also defines over the cited art. Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Claims 11 and 16-19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karim in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,083, 016 to Wyles *et al.* (Wyles). Claim 11 depends from claim 12 and claims 16-19 depend from claim 15. Thus, for reasons already discussed, claims 11 and 16-19 also define over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the instant rejection.

The New Claims Define Over the Cited Art

Claims 27-29 are new. The new claims recite limitation similar to allowable claims 7, 9 and 10 (Office Action page 6, lines 4-7.) and for similar reasons the new claims define over the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the instant claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

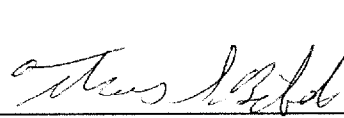
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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